



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 5, 2004

### **S. 2107**

#### **A bill to authorize an annual appropriation of \$10,000,000 for mental health courts through fiscal year 2009**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on April 29, 2004*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 2107 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2009 for the Attorney General to make grants to state and local governments to improve the delivery of judicial services to mentally ill offenders. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$33 million over the 2005-2009 period, subject to appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting S. 2107 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2107 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), and would benefit state, local, and tribal governments that receive funding for mental health courts. Any costs incurred by those governments would be voluntary.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2107 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted later this summer, that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year, and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for this program. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009

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**SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

Spending for Mental Health Courts						
Grants Under Current Law						
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	1	1	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	0	2	5	7	9	10
Spending for Mental Health Courts						
Grants Under S. 2107						
Authorization Level	0	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	2	3	6	7	9	10

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- a. The 2004 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the grants authorized by S. 2107. Funds were appropriated for these grants in previous years.
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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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